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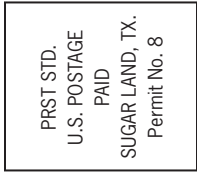


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Health Services 281-275-2218
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Mayor..... 281-275-2714
Permits and Inspections..... 281-275-2270
Planning and Zoning..... 281-275-2218
Property Tax..... 281-275-2750
Water Billing..... 281-275-2750

Fire Administration

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Municipal Court

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English..... 281-275-2601
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Facilities Reservations 281-275-2888

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Animal Control 281-275-2596
Community Services/Crime Prevention 281-275-2580

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Capital Improvement Program 281-275-2450
Traffic Operations (non-emergency) 281-275-2450
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2006 Annual Report

National accolades for our great city continue as a growing number of enterprises recognize Sugar Land for its exceptional quality of life.

MONEY Magazine and CNN/Money rank Sugar Land the best place in the Southwest and the third best place to live in America.

Our city again achieved the *Houston Business Journal's* prestigious Landmark Award for Sugar Land's economic development projects. Sugar Land Town Square, a venture of Planned Community Developers Ltd., received the Best Mixed Use Development Award. Additionally, Best Headquarters Move went to Thermo Electron, located in the Sugar Land Business Park.

These honors highlighted Sugar Land's strong economy with outstanding job opportunities, affordable housing, low crime rate, high-performing schools, diverse population, a safe and healthy environment for children,

livable neighborhoods and responsible city government.

The credit for our first-class community goes to Sugar Land residents, businesses and City employees who have devoted countless hours to create an unparalleled lifestyle. Together, we continued to shape our goals of a well-planned community, safe city, strong economy, responsible city government, mobility and livable neighborhoods.

Pictured at right: Sugar Land City Council Members (from left): **Dennis Parmer**, Single Member District One; **Michael Schiff**, Single Member District Four; **Daniel Wong**, At Large Position Two; **David G. Wallace**, Mayor; **Allen Bogard**, City Manager; **Cyril Hosley**, Single Member District Two and Mayor Pro Tem; **Russell Jones**, Single Member District Three; and **Thomas Abraham**, At Large Position One.



One of America's Best

Strong Fiscal Management

Sugar Land City Council adopted a \$141.6 million balanced budget for FY 2006-07, which includes a 1.056 cent decrease from the 2005 property tax rate. This lower tax rate is a direct result of increased commercial valuation driven by economic development initiatives, increased residential revaluation

and annexation of Avalon and Brazos Landing.

As a further testimony to overall City responsibility, Sugar Land City Council approved a local Code of Ethics, which provided rules of ethical conduct for City Council and Council-appointed Boards, Commissions and Task Forces.

Financial Highlights

- ▶ Since 1993, the tax rate has been lowered by 39 percent.
- ▶ Moody's Investor Services upgraded general obligation bonds to AA and Standard and Poor's to Aa2. This allows the City to finance long-term debt at lower interest rates.
- ▶ Standard and Poor's also upgraded the City's water and sewer system revenue bonds from A+ to AA-.
- ▶ In January 2006, the City refunded or refinanced \$25.5 million in outstanding debt for a savings of \$1.97 million or \$110,000 per year over the next 18 years.

Sugar Land's vibrant Town Square is home to City Hall as well as host for outdoor events. In 2006, there were 94 events, with a total of 80,000 people in attendance. Located in Town Center, the area also offers exciting shopping and dining opportunities.



A Leader in Economic Development

Economic development initiatives continued to bring unprecedented vitality to Sugar Land in 2006, adding credence to the City's accolades as one of America's Best. Companies either relocating to the Sugar Land Business Park in 2006 or announcing plans to do so include:

MECO, a world leader in the design and construction of high tech water purification plants;

Bechtel Equipment Operations, the asset management and construction support services division of Bechtel, one of the world's premier engineering, construction and project management companies;

Advance Polybag Texas, Inc., which specializes in the design, die cutting and custom printing of plastic bags for U.S. retailers; and

Finger Furniture Company, Inc., a Houston icon since 1927, is consolidating its corporate headquarters and regional distribution operations to what ultimately will be a 500,000-square-foot facility.

Relocations and expansions added more than 970,000-square-feet of commercial space, \$90 million in capital investments and more than 500 new jobs to the Sugar Land economy.

Of course, it was not just private business that contributed to the City's economic prosperity. The milestone opening of the \$5 million, 20,000-square-foot terminal at the Sugar Land Regional Airport created a friendlier environment for corporate travelers and added additional jobs to the local economy.

2006 National and Regional Awards

Third Best Place to Live in America
CNN/Money - Money Magazine

Best of the Best Top 10 Best Places to Raise Your Family: The Top 100 Affordable Communities

100 Best Communities for Young People
America's Promise Alliance

Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the 22nd consecutive year, and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the 10th consecutive year

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada

First Place, U.S. City Web Site (Cities 70,000-200,000)

City, County Communications & Marketing Association

Transportation Project of the Year (Projects under \$2 million): Traffic Management Center
American Public Works Association

Fittest City in Texas (Cities 50,000-100,000)
Texas Roundup, statewide fitness initiative

Best Mixed Use Development: Sugar Land Town Square
Houston Business Journal's Landmark Awards Program

Development in Context Award for Town Square
American Planning Association's Houston chapter

First Place, Excellence in Construction Award: Sugar Land Regional Airport
Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Houston



The new terminal includes rental car services, larger passenger waiting areas, three conference rooms with state-of-the-art communications and audiovisual capabilities, an executive lounge and full-service pilot quarters.

- Construction began on phase three of the General Aviation Complex, which will offer about 80 new t-hangars for general aviation aircraft storage.
- Since 1998, the airport has completed more than \$50 million in facility upgrades to maintain the highest level of safety and service.
- The airport is a self-sustaining business. Funding comes from federal and state grants plus fees charged for services the airport provides to corporate and general aviation customers.

- Serving more than 100 Fortune 500 companies, the airport contributes more than \$63 million to property tax rolls, funding services provided by the City, Fort Bend County and Fort Bend ISD.

Moving beyond our City boundaries, an Intergovernmental Relations Department was created in 2006 to foster relationships both regionally and at the state level, including the Texas Legislature. The City's agenda for the 80th Legislative session is varied, but its main focus is to monitor for potential legislation that would require expenditures by the City without a source of revenue from the state.

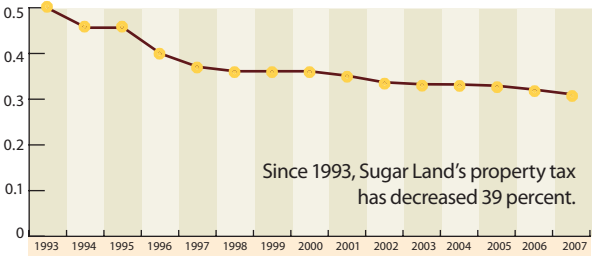
Sugar Land Regional Airport is the largest corporate aviation airport and the fourth largest of all airports in the Houston metropolitan area.



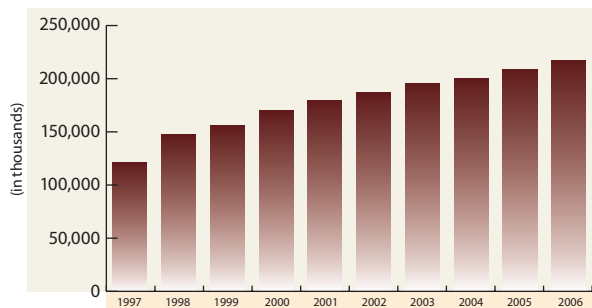
Expansions in the Sugar Land Business Park spurred strong job growth:

- ▶ 175,000-square-feet by Tramontina USA, a leading international designer and manufacturer of cookware and cutlery, with more expansion planned in 2007;
- ▶ 70,000-square-feet by Unique Industrial Products, an international supplier of quality-engineered steel products and components to equipment manufacturers;
- ▶ 97,000-square-feet by Naztec, a locally owned firm specializing in the design and construction of traffic management systems.

Historical City Tax Rate



Average Sugar Land Home Values



Extraordinary Vision

Partnering for Mobility

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) construction projects continue throughout the City.

- The main lanes of U.S. Highway 59 were elevated over Sweetwater/First Colony and University Boulevards.
- The same elevation will occur over the Grand Parkway in early 2007.
- U.S. Highway 90A is being widened from four lanes to eight lanes from U.S. Highway 59 to just west of U.S. Highway 6. A 30-foot grassy median will remain.
- Access barrier walls, sound walls, a frontage road from Alkire Lakes Drive to Lombardy Drive and additional turn lanes on access roads are planned or under way.



can monitor the traffic signals from the Center, making adjustments to signal timing in just minutes. The American Public Works Association recognized the accomplishments of the Sugar Land Traffic Management Center with the 2006 Transportation Project of the Year award for Texas. A \$1.6 million grant will further improve mobility as the TMC moves to the goal of a wireless Ethernet traffic network capable of broadcasting current travel times and other useful information to motorists via cell phones, PDAs and automobile communications systems.

Visionary Community Planning

A Community and Environmental Services Department was created this year to develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood sustainability program. One-third of Sugar Land's subdivisions are older than 25 years and more than one-half of the total residential areas are older than 20 years. This new department will oversee enhanced proactive code enforcement and work with neighborhood groups to educate homeowners about maintenance standards.

Nearly 3,200 residents of Brazos Landing and Avalon began 2006 as the newest citizens of Sugar Land following a strategic partnership agreement between Municipal Utility District 113 and the City of Sugar Land. Such agreements outline the delivery of services to new

residents, while reducing the burden of service delivery on homeowner associations. City Council policy requires annexations to be voluntary with no increase in the cost of services to current residents. Sugar Land is working with other municipal utility districts in its extraterritorial jurisdiction, including districts serving Greatwood, New Territory, Riverpark and Tara to develop similar agreements.

The City also annexed and zoned 554 acres of what is known as Tract 2 and Central State Farm, located west of Sugar Land Regional Airport.

The Telfair (pictured below) and Lake Pointe communities are moving ahead. By the beginning of October 2006, 296 residential building permits had been issued for Telfair. Lake Pointe is a 184-acre site that surrounds the existing Fluor Corporate complex and will offer a mixture of retail, services, offices, and residential development.

The City currently is reviewing plans submitted by the developer of the Imperial Sugar property. Residents will continue to be kept informed of opportunities for public input on the project.



2006 Public Safety Facts

34,556 Number of 911 calls in FY 2006

OUTREACH Police

30,000 Number of citizens participating in crime prevention programs, including crime prevention fairs, safety presentations, school presentations, HOA presentations, business presentations, CPA, RAD, etc.

Fire

23,500 Number of citizens participating in fire education programs, including fire drills, CFA, home inspections, station tours, seniors programs, school prevention, fire extinguisher training, etc.

250 Number of free smoke alarms installed and free home safety inspections performed.



Quality Public Services

The renovation and expansion of the Sugar Land Senior Center on Matlage Way will more than double its size, providing senior residents a comfortable setting for fellowship, fun and learning. The renovated Senior Center is scheduled for opening in January 2007.

Another high point in Sugar Land's quality of life came with the September 2006 groundbreaking for the highly anticipated Brazos River Park. The first phase in the development of this natural habitat along the Brazos River includes construction of crushed granite walking/jogging trails, a picnic pavilion with adjoining plaza and restrooms, parking, canoe launch sites, open space for sports activities and a children's playground. The \$2.8 million improvement project includes a 25-acre lake that will serve as a focal point for park visitors. The City of Sugar Land saved millions of dollars in creating two lakes on the property in partnership with the expansion of U.S. Highway 59.

Development of the first 100 acres of Brazos River Park will be on the southern one-third of the City-owned site that is located along the Brazos River east of U.S. Highway 59 and south of the University of Houston System at Sugar Land. The City also leased 52 acres from UH. Long-term, the overall Brazos River Park will create conservation and recreation opportuni-

ties along a nine-mile stretch of the river, including the City's first public recreation center.

To meet future water supply needs and abide by the Fort Bend Subsidence District groundwater reduction mandate, the City is developing a Ground Water Reduction Plan, which proposes a surface water treatment plant as the benchmark surface water conversion option. The City is reviewing additional alternatives to reduce the costs of this mandate and provide the lowest cost, best quality solution for our citizens.

The City actively promoted the tree-trimming ordinance that helps ensure proper clearance for large vehicles to safely navigate City streets and provides a clear view of traffic safety devices.

With overlapping jurisdictions having responsibility for drainage within Sugar Land's City limits, the City is taking a leadership position in bringing all entities together through the update to the City's Drainage Master Plan. Sugar Land funded more than \$2.4 million projects in FY 2006 that included Sugar Creek/Market Place—Phase 1; additional inlets along Maygrove Drive in Covington Woods; channel improvements—Sweetwater at Ditch A; and storm sewer inlet apron reconstruction.



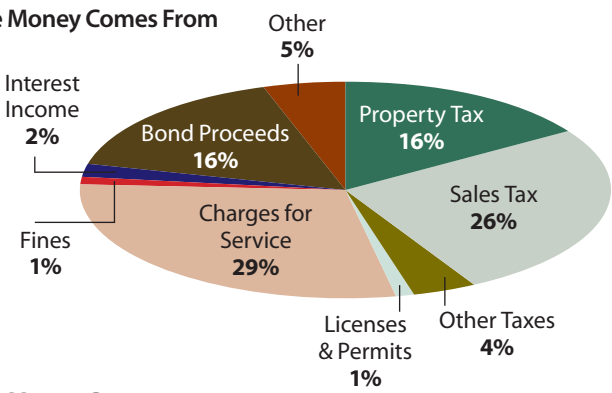
Pictured above: Sugar Land Executive Team. Front row, l to r: **David Ellison**, Assistant City Manager, Administration; **Allen Bogard**, City Manager; **Karen Glynn**, Assistant City Manager, Public Services. Back row, l to r: **Steve Griffith**, Police Chief; **Joe Esch**, Executive Director of Business and Intergovernmental Relations; **Judy Kimrey**, Director of Public Affairs; **Jim Callaway**, Executive Director of Community Development; and **Dannie Smith**, Fire Chief.



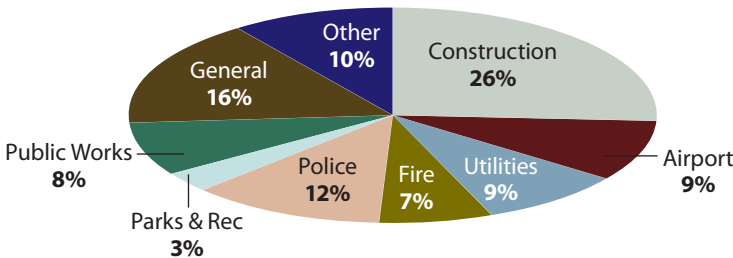
Sugar Land
Unparalleled Lifestyle

Looking Ahead to 2006-2007

Where The Money Comes From



Where The Money Goes



General includes General Government, Business & Intergovernmental, Administrative and Internal Services, Fiscal Services and Community Development. **Other** includes Economic Development Incentives, Insurance Coverage, Capital Replacement and Rebates & Assignments.

Expanding Public Safety Services

Sugar Land Police strengthened its community service initiatives by restructuring its Community Assistance Support Team (CAST). During the summer this volunteer group, all graduates of the department's Citizens Police Academy, took to the streets to check handicap parking spaces for violators, patrol area parks and provide house watches. They are also working behind the scenes to support police training and to assist the City's victim services coordinator. CAST members do not carry firearms.

Critical incidents within the communities of Sugar Land, Missouri City and Stafford now have a more effective response, thanks to a new East Fort Bend Regional SWAT. This regional SWAT is a collaborative effort between the three cities' police departments and shares manpower, funding and other resources needed to sustain operations during critical incidents such as barricaded subjects, hostage situations and high risk warrant services.

Law enforcement in East Fort Bend County also partnered to create a Special

Crimes/Gang Task Force. The task force addresses issues common to Sugar Land, Stafford and Missouri City as well as Fort Bend Independent School District.

Fort Bend County communities are working together on hazardous materials response that also benefits the 13-county Houston-Galveston Area Council region. A hazardous materials—or HAZMAT—truck was placed into service in January 2006 and is based at Sugar Land Fire Station #5. The vehicle was funded through a \$700,000 homeland security grant, and will be maintained by the cities of Sugar Land, Missouri City and Stafford.

A vital component was the creation of an emergency response plan by the fire department. This plan uses a three-level incident classification system to outline standard operating procedures in response to hazardous materials and/or weapons of mass destruction events within Fort Bend County, the region and the state. Members of the HAZMAT team have received extensive training at government sites throughout the country.



You have just read how the 2006 City programs contributed to our being one of America's Best.

Each of the calendar pages that follow illustrates why we have received these national recognitions.



In January 2006, the 40-member inaugural Mayor's Youth Advisory Council held its first think tank, resulting in the creation of a National Youth Service Day project. Since this first project, the MYAC has participated in recycling and educational events at Earth Day and delivered Internet safety training to more than 600 Sugar Land middle-school students.



The City of Sugar Land

possesses a rich past, a celebrated present and a brilliant future. The 2007 calendar page captions will highlight the traits that make our City one of America’s Best.

In 1823 Stephen F. Austin brought 300 American farming families to the fertile land near the Brazos River, then a land grant from Mexico. Samuel Williams (Austin’s original land grantee) built the first mill to produce sugar from the cane stalks, and the enterprise flourished, in large part due to a new rail line that ran to Galveston. In 1907, the entire sugar business was purchased by Imperial Holly, Inc., which still stands on the spot of the first mill.

Founded originally as a “company town” to provide housing for sugar mill employees, the City of Sugar Land was incorporated in December 1959. Today, the City operates as a council-manager form of government. Much of the City’s success can be credited to our heritage of City leadership. They are represented above by the six living Sugar Land mayors pictured at a special celebration honoring City volunteers and past City officials for their contribution in making Sugar Land one of America’s Best.

From Stephen F. Austin’s first colony of pioneers, to a sugar mill and now the City of Sugar Land, we are indeed a City with a rich history, built by those with a tenacious spirit that seize opportunity and combine it with a commitment to quality and service to others. These traits continue today in our corporate and private citizens.

JANUARY

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

—Lao-tzu, 604-531 B.C.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 New Year's Day <i>City offices closed</i> <i>No solid waste collection</i> FBISD holiday	2 City Council <i>Monday's solid waste collection</i> FBISD student holiday	3 <i>Tuesday's solid waste collection</i> Curbside Christmas tree pickup FBISD school begins	4	5	6 Christmas Tree Mulch Day Curbside Christmas tree pickup
7	8	9 Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day <i>City offices closed</i> FBISD holiday	16 City Council	17 AARP Safe Driving	18 AARP Safe Driving HOA representative meeting Citizen Police Academy begins	19	20 Islamic New Year
21	22	23 City Council	24	25 Planning & Zoning Commission Youth Sports Association (YSA) meeting	26	27 Green Thumb Tree Care class
28	29	30 Candidates packets available for City elections	31			



The City’s community partnerships play a major role in Sugar Land’s continued development. A public-private partnership laid the foundation for the creation of Oyster Creek Park. Residents throughout the city enjoy its open fields, its 3-mile trail and performances in the park pavilion.

Sugar Land’s ongoing vibrant growth is due in part to mobility improvements. We are more than halfway through a 12-year program that thus far has leveraged \$500 million dollars in federal, state, county and city funds on infrastructure projects for transportation and traffic improvements.

Sugar Land Town Square’s success as the central focus and downtown of our community is based on several partnerships to ensure the success of this 32-acre, mixed-use development. First Colony Mall’s initial construction ten years ago and its more recent open-air expansion and parking garage enhancements are further examples of the City’s use of economic development sales tax to assist in the enhancement and positive development of our community. A partnership opportunity with the UH System at Sugar Land was instrumental in the construction of this facility and now its planned expansion.

FEBRUARY

We secure our friends not by accepting favors but by doing them.
—Thucydides, 460-400 B.C.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		City Council		Senior Sweetheart Dance Sugar Land 101 begins FBISD parent conference	Daddy-Daughter Date Night	Mommy-Son Date Night
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	First day to file for place on City ballot FBISD student holiday	Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting	St. Valentine’s Day			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Chinese New Year Vietnamese New Year	President’s Day	City Council	Ash Wednesday AARP Safe Driving	Planning & Zoning Commission AARP Safe Driving Citizen Fire Academy begins YSA meeting		
25	26	27	28			
		City Council				



Neighborhoods



Housing prices are among the most affordable in the nation, with housing options for residents of all income levels. A wide variety of quality living ranges from the original city neighborhoods, to those developed in the 50's through 70's and continues today with well-designed and maintained master-planned communities.

Guaranteeing that Sugar Land's neighborhoods remain well planned and livable continues to be a top priority. The City's new Community and Environmental Services Department will be proactive in code enforcement and work with neighborhood groups to educate homeowners about maintenance standards. The department will help ensure neighborhood integrity by emphasizing home ownership.

Sugar Land is taking advantage of federal dollars for Community Development Block Grants and leveraging City dollars to help dozens of residents live more comfortably and safely in their homes through home improvements and appropriate street reconstruction. City Council members are pictured here with Mayfield Park residents celebrating their latest street improvement project.

MARCH

The life of our city is rich in poetic and marvelous subjects.
—Charles Baudelaire, 1821-1867

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1	2	3
						Soil and Composting class
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight saving time begins (set clocks ahead one hour; change smoke alarm batteries)	Last day to file for place on City ballot	City Council Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting First day to apply for ballot by mail				
		FBISD SPRING BREAK				St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Hindu New Year	City Council	AARP Safe Driving First day of Spring	Planning & Zoning Commission AARP Safe Driving YSA meeting		
NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Soil and Composting class		City Council Ramanavani				

An aerial photograph of a modern business park. A multi-lane highway runs horizontally across the middle. To the right, a large, modern office building with a glass facade is situated next to a large, irregularly shaped pond. The pond has several flags (American, Texas, and others) on poles. The grounds are landscaped with green grass, palm trees, and a circular garden bed. To the left of the highway, there are several smaller commercial buildings and parking lots. The overall scene depicts a well-developed economic zone.

In the end, of course, what attracts new business is an environment that's friendly to business—a sound but aggressive economic development program, for instance, and a reliable infrastructure. Business leaders also realize that quality of life—safe neighborhoods, affordable housing, exemplary schools, plentiful park land and a responsive city government—goes a long way to ensuring a stable, well educated and abundant work force.

Good government obtains when those
who are near are made happy, and those who are far off are attracted.
—Confucius, 551-479 B.C.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Palm Sunday		City Council Passover begins			Good Friday City offices closed FBISD holiday Eggstravaganza	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Easter Sunday		Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting		Last day to register to vote		Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Concert in the Park		City Council	AARP Safe Driving	AARP Safe Driving Senior Spring Fling HOA representative meeting Vermicomposting workshop		Earth Day Electronics Recycling
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Earth Day Concert in the Park		City Council		Planning & Zoning Commission Administrative Professionals Day YSA meeting		
29	30					
Concert in the Park	First day of Early Voting					



Sugar Land continues to prosper with ongoing construction of new homes, new and expanded businesses and retail areas. Our mobility plan includes improvements and reconstruction of major roadways. Continued prudent growth management will ensure that the very reasons we live and do business in Sugar Land are not diminished. Sugar Land’s Comprehensive Plan guides the physical growth of our community and sets the stage for development decisions to assure we are the community of choice. The City must wisely manage the growth and utilization of streets, water, drainage, green space and public safety services as our population increases from our current 75,000 residents.

The plan also addresses annexation planning, which continues through negotiations of strategic partnership agreements with the municipal utility districts serving the developed communities in our extraterritorial jurisdiction. These agreements outline a full range of services to future residents. Our annexation policy pledges that current residents will not feel a negative impact from annexation as we welcome new residents to the City. The newest citizens are nearly 3,200 residents of Brazos Landing and Avalon (pictured at left).

MAY

It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow. —Aesop, ca. 550 B.C.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		City Council			Last day to apply for ballot by mail	Cinco de Mayo Weekend Early Voting 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Concert in the Park Weekend Early Voting 1-5 p.m.	FBISD student holiday	Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting Last Day of Early Voting	Sugar Land H2O Expo			General Election
DRINKING WATER WEEK						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day Concert in the Park		City Council	AARP Safe Driving	AARP Safe Driving		
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Concert in the Park		City Council		Planning & Zoning Commission FBISD last day of school YSA meeting		Municipal Pool opens today
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK NATIONAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK						
27	28	29	30	31		
Concert in the Park Municipal Pool open today	Memorial Day City offices closed Regular solid waste collection Municipal Pool open today Summer Camp Week I	Municipal Pool closed	Municipal Pool open for season			



City leadership and City employees are dedicated to providing the highest quality of affordable services to meet the needs of Sugar Land’s citizens. In a sense, day-to-day City operations go unnoticed—and that’s as it should be. Streets are in good repair. Parks are well maintained. Solid waste is picked up. Water comes from our taps. Wastewater and storm drainage infrastructure work well. We are confident our police, fire and emergency responders will be there when needed.

Quality service is not just tending to the present needs; inherent is the constant search for new and improved methods.

Through technology, Sugar Land seeks opportunities to take “customer service” to a new level. A current innovation is the Traffic Management Center (pictured at left), which controls Sugar Land’s traffic signals and facilitates a smooth flow of traffic during peak hours and assists emergency responders.

When citizens do have questions or concerns on City services, the Community Action Center serves as a single point of contact. Known as Ask City, it functions as a single point of contact to provide information, status reports and other related requests for appropriate departments and coordinate a timely response.

JUNE 07

It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.

—Rene Descartes, 1596-1650

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
					1	2
					Hurricane Season begins	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Concert in the Park	Summer Camp Week 2	City Council Municipal Pool Swim Lessons Session I begins				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Summer Camp Week 3	Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting		Flag Day Senior Boogie Bash		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day	Summer Camp Week 4	City Council Municipal Pool Swim Lessons Session II begins	AARP Safe Driving	AARP Safe Driving First day of Summer		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Summer Camp Week 5	City Council		Planning & Zoning Commission YSA meeting		



Recreational Opportunities



Work continues on the Brazos River Park, one of the most significant green space projects ever undertaken by Sugar Land. The first phase of park development is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2007. It will include walking/jogging trails, a picnic pavilion, restrooms, parking areas, a playground, canoe launch, open space for sport activities and a lake.

This park builds on a long commitment to quality recreational amenities in Sugar Land. The City's current 400 developed acres of parkland include green space and sports space and plenty of room for fun; for example, the popular July 4th Red, White and Bluefest in Oyster Creek Park. In addition to the City's free family-oriented Concert in the Park series, there's plenty to do every weekend in Sugar Land Town Square. The 1.2-acre plaza offers something for everyone – from dancing under the stars to movies under the moon.

Sugar Land is committed to quality recreation facilities for residents of all ages – including our senior citizens. There is always something doing at the recently renovated Senior Center or planned activity such as tours and sight seeing adventures.

One man plants a tree so another man can enjoy the shade.

—Chinese proverb

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2 Summer Camp Week 6	3 City Council	4 Independence Day City offices closed Red, White and Bluefest No Summer Camp	5	6	7
8	9 Summer Camp Week 7	10 Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting Municipal Pool Swim Lessons Session III begins	11	12	13	14
15	16 Summer Camp Week 8	17 City Council	18 AARP Safe Driving	19 AARP Safe Driving	20	21
22	23 Summer Camp Week 9	24 City Council Municipal Pool Swim Lessons Session IV begins	25	26 Planning & Zoning Commission YSA meeting	27	28
29	30 Summer Camp Week 10	31				



The City’s 572 full-time employees deliver the highest quality of service. From maintaining and improving the infrastructure (i.e., streets, drainage, sidewalks, parks and utilities) of one of the fastest-growing communities in the United States to maintaining fire and police services, a dedicated group of employees is on-call 24/7 to ensure critical City services are available around the clock. Sugar Land employees’ initiatives contribute to a well-planned community, a strong economy, livable neighborhoods and one of the nation’s lowest crime rates. Some of the City’s employees are pictured above.

Building effective relationships with citizens is an important part of the City’s success. An example of this priority is the Sugar Land Police Department’s National Night Out, which annually includes about 130 neighborhood gatherings in August. Police officers, firefighters and City officials visit neighborhoods throughout the City, renewing relationships and building new ones that help make Sugar Land one of the nation’s safest cities.

Dedicated Employees

AUGUST

Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.
—St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Summer Camp Week 11 Senior Summer Bash	7 City Council National Night Out	8	9	10	11 Soil and Composting class
12 Municipal Pool - daily operations end	13 Summer Camp Week 12	14 Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting	15 AARP Safe Driving	16 AARP Safe Driving	17	18 Municipal Pool open today
19 Municipal Pool open today	20	21 City Council	22	23 Planning & Zoning Commission Citizens Fire Academy YSA meeting	24	25 Municipal Pool open today
26 Municipal Pool open today	27	28 City Council	29	30	31	



The citizens of Sugar Land have the highest education attainment in the region and exceed the national average, with 59 percent holding bachelor's degrees or higher. Sugar Land's commitment to meet the educational and workforce challenges of the 21st century was evident in a continuing partnership with the University of Houston System at Sugar Land. Through the university's programs, students pursue junior, senior and graduate courses leading to more than thirty-two bachelor's and master's degrees. The UH System at Sugar Land's construction of a second 145,000 square-foot building will be complete in 2008 and will allow Wharton County Junior College's Sugar Land campus to move on-site. This doubles the student body population, and will meet the needs of an expected 5 percent enrollment growth per year.

Sugar Land's children receive a quality public education: 12 of the 19 Fort Bend ISD schools in Sugar Land are rated Exemplary or Recognized. Graduation rate in the three Sugar Land high schools averages 97%.

SEPTEMBER

Knowledge acquired as a child is more lasting than an engraving on stone.

—Arabian proverb

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
						1
						Municipal Pool open today
2	3 Labor Day <i>City offices closed</i> Regular solid waste collection Fired-Up 5K Municipal Pool open	4 City Council Municipal Pool closed for season	5	6	7	8
Municipal Pool open today						
9	10	11 Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting	12	13 Rosh Hashanah Ramadan begins	14	15
16	17	18 City Council	19 AARP Safe Driving	20 AARP Safe Driving	21	22 Yom Kippur begins
23 First day of Autumn	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		City Council		Planning & Zoning Commission YSA meeting		



Diversity plays an important role in Sugar Land's success. Each culture contributes unique accomplishments that add to the City's cosmopolitan feel. People choose to live and work in Sugar Land not just because of its thriving economy and unparalleled lifestyle, but also because Sugar Land is a City that celebrates diversity and respects differences. Building relationships that foster community trust ensures that Sugar Land remains the community of choice. Sugar Land's enviable position as one of the state's most diverse communities is evident in the growing number of ethnic and cultural events offered throughout the City, including Culture Fest: Celebrating an Indian Festival of Lights, Holiday in the Plaza: Celebrating Cultural Diversity, Ballet Folklórico Azteca de Houston (traditional Mexican folk dancing and singing) and Culture Fest Spotlighting China.

OCTOBER

There were never in the world two opinions alike,
any more than two hairs or two grains. Their most universal quality is diversity.
—Michel de Montaigne, 1533-1592

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		City Council				Crime Prevention Fair
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Columbus Day	Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting				Eid-al-Fitr
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		City Council	AARP Safe Driving	AARP Safe Driving HOA representative meeting		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		City Council		Planning & Zoning Commission YSA meeting		Boo Bash
28	29	30	31			
			Halloween Senior Monster Mash			

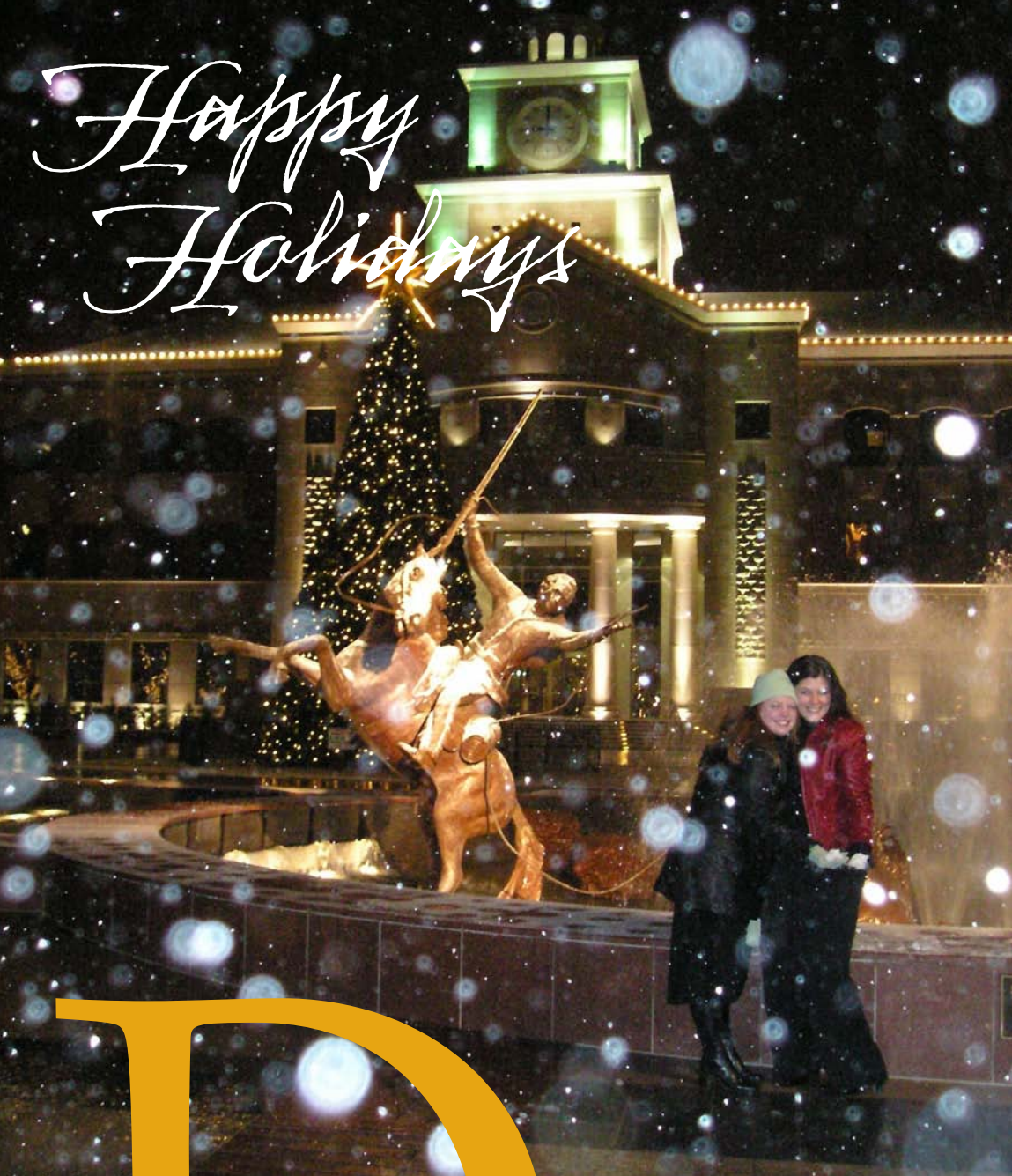


A strong sense of community service greatly contributes to Sugar Land’s continued recognition as one of the nation’s premier places to live. City programs and services benefit from residents’ participation on the City’s boards and commissions. Building on this spirit of public service are a number of programs that help citizens learn, serve and lead the City. Programs like Sugar Land 101 address the structure, function and purpose of City government, preparing participants to assume community leadership roles. Other programs like the Community Assistance Support Team support police officers in areas of major incident response, patrol, training and more. The new initiative utilizes graduates of the Citizens Police Academy, a 12-week program focusing on all areas of SLPD. The Sugar Land Fire Department hosts a similar academy offering citizens information about fire safety and other SLFD responsibilities such as emergency response and hazardous materials. For Sugar Land teens, the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council provides a unique opportunity to shape the City’s future by providing special insight for government leaders in the development of programs and services impacting young people.

NOVEMBER

What is pleasanter than the tie of host and guest?
—Aeschylus, 525-456 B.C.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight savings time ends (set clocks back one hour; change smoke alarm batteries)		City Council	AARP Safe Driving	AARP Safe Driving	Diwali	Green Thumb Tree Care Class B.O.P.A. (Battery, Oil, Latex Paint and Anti-Freeze) Event
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Veterans Day		Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		City Council		Thanksgiving Day City offices closed No solid waste collection	City offices closed Thursday's solid waste collection	Friday's solid waste collection
25	26	27	28	29	30	
				Christmas Tree Lighting	Hurricane Season ends	



Sugar Land has much to be thankful for each year—caring and involved citizens; a strong economy; a well-planned City; dedicated employees, community leaders and elected officials; one of the nation’s lowest crime rates... the list goes on.

The quality of the City is evident in its numerous national accolades. So, what is the City’s formula for success? Sugar Land is a community that embraces diversity and draws strength from its differences, but all share certain core beliefs. These include a strong commitment to faith, service, community, family, charity, hope and commerce – all words etched in the heart of the City at Sugar Land Town Square. During the holiday season, there are many opportunities for citizens to gather and celebrate the City’s many blessings. One special event is the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event in the Plaza at Sugar Land Town Square.

DECEMBER

We have not inherited this land from our ancestors,
we have borrowed it from our children. —*Kenyan proverb*

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Advent begins		City Council	Hanukkah begins Share Your Holiday Food Drive			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Planning & Zoning Commission Parks Board meeting		Senior Holiday Gala		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		City Council		Id-al-Adha		First day of Winter
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Christmas Day City offices closed No solid waste collection	Kwanzaa begins Curbside Christmas Tree Pickup Tuesday's solid waste collection			
	New Year's Eve					